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FM AMEMBASSY BAMA KO

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SUBJECT: STUDENTS STRIKE AGAIN

REF: BAMA KO 0591

1. STUDENTS IN MALI'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION WENT ON STRIKE APRIL 22 AND 23. THE STRIKE WAS A CARRY-OVER FROM LAST FEBRUARY'S STUDENT UNREST (REF A). IN RESPONSE, MILITARY GOVERNMENT CLOSED ALL BAMA KO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND HIGHER INSTITUTES AND SUSPENDED SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT STIPENDS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

2. PURPORTED OBJECT OF STRIKE WAS RELEASE FROM JAIL OF BONIFACE DIARRA, MOST MILITANT OF FEBRUARY STRIKE LEADERS. TIMING OF STRIKE, HOWEVER, COINCIDED WITH MEETINGS HELD BY RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BAMA KO POPULACE TO EXPLAIN POLICIES OF NEW POLITICAL PARTY, UNION DEMOCRATIQUE DE PEUPLE MALIEN. IT IS RUMORED THAT POLITICIANS FROM FORMER KEITA REGIME PUSHED STUDENTS INTO STRIKING SO AS TO EMBARRASS MILITARY GOVERNMENT AT THIS CRUCIAL POLITICAL JUNCTURE. IT IS ALSO EVIDENT THAT STUDENTS ARE DISSATISFIED WITH MILITARY COMMITTEE PLACING ON RETURN TO POLITICAL ACTIVITY. WHEN MILITARY

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE WAVERED ON QUESTION REGARDING
FREE SPEECH DURING PUBLIC MEETING, STUDENTS JEERED SPEAKER
AND DISRUPTED MEETING.

3. STRIKE WAS RELATIVELY PEACEFUL WITH MOST STUDENTS SIMPLY
STAYING HOME. HOWEVER, STUDENTS FROM GROUPE SCOLAIRE KONATE
MILLED ABOUT STREETS APRIL 23 AND STONED AND CHASED DCM'S
CAR A BLOCK FROM AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. OTHER DISTURBANCES
REPORTED IN MEDINA COURA AND BADALABOUGOU PRECINCTS. BY
AFTERNOON APRIL 23, POLICE IN COMBAT UNIFORM HAD RESTORED
ORDER. POLICE NOW GUARDING SCHOOLS AND SMALL UNITS OF
SOLDIERS STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED NEAR KEY EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS.

4. COMMENT: MILITARY COMMITTEE IS TAKING HARD LINE
IN THIS LATEST CONFRONTATION WITH STUDENTS. GOVERNMENT
REPORTEDLY THREATENED PARENTS WITH IMPRISONMENT
IF THEY LET THEIR CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN STRIKE.
BONIFACE DIARRA IS STILL IN PRISON AND OTHER STUDENT
LEADERS ARE NOW REPORTED DETAINED. POLICE HAVE ORDERS
TO DETAIN IMMEDIATELY ANY STUDENT INVOLVED IN VANDALISM.
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GOVERNMENT PLANNING REOPEN
SCHOOLS FOR INDIVIDUAL ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WILLING TO
SIGN NO-STRIKE PLEDGE. TIMING OF THIS MEASURE WILL BE
CRITICAL AS STUDENTS FACE FINAL EXAMS WITHIN MONTH AND
COMPETITIVE EXAMS FOR UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT AND SCHOLAR-
SHIPS ABROAD DURING THE SUMMER. BAMAKO IS CALM. IT
APPEARS THAT GOVERNMENT HAS CHECKED, FOR MOMENT, STUDENTS'
ABILITY TO CAUSE TROUBLE.
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